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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MICHINORI SHINKAI) Examiner: S.H. Lee
Application No.: 09/895,184) Group Art Unit: 2612
Filed: July 2, 2001)
For: DISCOUNTING SYSTEM,)
DISCOUNTING DEVICE,)
DISCOUNTING METHOD,)
DISCOUNTING PROGRAM, RECORD:)
MEDIUM, CARTRIDGE, PRINT)
CONTROLLER, PRINT CONTROL :
METHOD, AND PRINT CONTROL)
PROGRAM : September 2, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

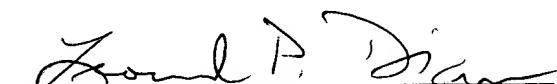
The concise explanation of the relevance of the document, which is not in English, is provided in the English abstract attached to that document.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner, and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

This application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a Notice of Allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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